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Lipis Umno calls for ban on Harakah

KUANTAN, Fri. - Lipis Umno has passed a resolution urging the Home Ministry to ban Pas newsletter Harakah.

Its chief Datuk Omar Othman said today a copy of the resolution, signed by 200 divisional committee members and branch chiefs, would be handed over to the Home Minister's political secretary Datuk Johari Baharom on Tuesday.

Copies will also be sent to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob.

"This was among the resolutions passed at a meeting on Jan 22 which was attended by divisional committee members and all Umno branch heads from the division," he said.

Omar said the division felt the newspaper should be banned as its stories were full of lies that could confuse and deviate the thinking of the people.

"I have also received information that Harakah is being sent to school teachers," he said.

He also called on the Home Ministry to carefully study the application by Pas to publish its own newspaper, Purnama.

Omar said the meeting also passed a resolution to accept Umno supreme council's no-contest stand for the posts of party president and deputy president.

The division also gave its backing to Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak to defend his vice-president post and Adnan to contest the supreme council post.

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